

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Delbert Burton Headley was born on November 11, 1908, in Maydell Township to Charlie and Maggie Headley, one of eight children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Delbert married Cora Johnson on May 20, 1939, and to that union three children were born, DeWayne, Larry, and Steven, and they, in turn, gave them four grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Delbert worked on the West Coast during the Depression, but moved back to farm north of Garden City until 1949, was a carpenter in Clark and Watertown until 1952, then bought a farm north of Wallace in Wheatland Township in 1952, where he farmed until his retirement in 1969; and,

Whereas, Following retirement, Delbert and Cora moved to Piedmont in 1979, and on to Webster in 1988, where Delbert continues to reside, having lost his wife in July 2000; and,

Whereas, Delbert has enjoyed pheasant hunting and fishing as leisure activities throughout his life; and,


Whereas, Delbert will observe his 95th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2003, as

DELBERT HEADLEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

